

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

July 23, 2015

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 9, 2015 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending July 15, 2015 in the amount of \$ 323,385.72 and July 22, 2015 in the amount of \$ 287,916.01 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of July 9 – July 22, 2015
- Report from the Building Inspector's office July 20, 2015
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2015
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 20, 2015

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending July 17, 2015 in the amount of \$ 653,827.06 and July 24, 2015 in the amount of \$ 688,809.77 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves USA Luge to hold the second annual USA Luge Slider Search on Bridge Street on Saturday, September 5 from 4:30-11pm. Road closures include City Hall Place and Bridge Street.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD Bid # 2015-7-1 "FR Uniform Rental Service." Bid Opening Date: August 11, 2015 at 11am.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser  
Discussion: Yes  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from April 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014 in the total amount of \$9,913.34. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .48%.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.52 "Storm Sewer Separation" for the work to be performed separating storm sewer and sanitary sewer drain lines related to future street resurfacing projects and for the additional cost incurred on the Storm Water Conveyance & Green Infrastructure Planning project being completed at the US Oval.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Building Inspector to refund \$64.00 to John Bilow for Building Permit # 62-2015 (70 Elm Street) because he has decided not to pursue the project.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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#### **F. APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO BOIRE BENNER GROUP**

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a loan from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund to Boire Benner Group in the amount of \$26,922 (twenty-six thousand nine hundred twenty-two dollars) on the terms set forth in a report and recommendation from the Lake City LDC Inc. loan underwriting committee dated July 20, 2015, submitted by Bruce Lawson, Director of Community Development, a copy of report is ordered made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2015-11 “Ready Mix Concrete” be awarded to Graymont Materials for the total estimated cost of \$40,000.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action:

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**H. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PAUL DEDOMINICAS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2015 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 12 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration** “Request from Debbie Frederick to hold the Run to Remember on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 5-7pm on US Oval to benefit the Plattsburgh Alzheimer’s Center.”

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Debbie Frederick to hold the Run to Remember on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 5-7pm on US Oval to benefit the Plattsburgh Alzheimer’s Center.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend “Impact users Training Conference” in Saratoga Springs, NY from

September 14 – September 16, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$1,012 and will be expensed out of Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Debbie Frederick to hold the Run to Remember on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 5-7pm on US Oval to benefit the Plattsburgh Alzheimer’s Center. **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter I)**

**Councilor Kelly added:**

2. **RESOLVED:** It is the policy of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh to encourage city departments and city residents to refrain from the use of GMO seeds and to refrain from the use of pesticides in the practice of lawn care.

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Armstrong** spoke about upcoming work session and committee meetings. Work Session August 27<sup>th</sup> – Snow Removal report/presentation. Finance committee meets next week.

**Councilor O’Connell** spoke about Health Care Task Force meeting he attended last week. Everyone there showing effort to save city money and he commended the groups that were there.

**Mayor Calnon** spoke about upcoming negotiations.

**Councilor Kelly** spoke about picnic table at marina.

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## **11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Kevin Farrington** thanked Council for passing resolution about GMO’s and pesticides. It is the most important issue of our generation.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor O’Connell

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:01 pm**